

ARMY IN TEXAS IN SPLENDID SHAPE. YAQUIS' PART IN INSURRECTION

Reports From Troopers Please Secretary Dickinson and Major General Wood

Indian, Many Times Reported Exterminated, Is a First Class Fightin' Man

MAJOR GENERAL LEONARD WOOD, chief of staff, U. S. A., constantly in touch with the operations of the army now in Texas, commenting on the official and unofficial reports which have reached him:

"It is evident that the experience which the American troops have gained in recent years in the movements made from the Philippines has taught them how to move and move quickly."

The official records show how quickly some of the troops moved after the



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MAJOR GENERAL WOOD.

orders for mobilization were issued. From the war department on the afternoon of March 6. The Tenth infantry, at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., entrained within eighteen hours after receiving orders. The troops from Fort Myer, Va., being the Third field artillery, traveling a distance of 1,715 miles to San Antonio, were carried thither at a rate of twenty-eight miles an hour and were on the scene in fifty-two hours.

A Remarkable Achievement.

"The record is a remarkable one," Secretary Dickinson said. "The railroads had no opportunity whatever to prepare for the movement. Had notice been given them it would materially have shortened the time."

"That delays are involved," said General Wood, "were occasioned by the fact that the department gave no preliminary warning to the railroads. The troops were moved under conditions that may be considered as being as disadvantageous as possible. The orders to move came out of an absolutely clear sky."

"The manner in which the orders of the president were carried out shows the advantage of having a well worked



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out plan for mobilization. The maneuver was as far as they have gone make it clear that there has been a great improvement in methods since 1898 and that so far as the regular army is concerned we took to heart the lessons learned then and profited by them."

Satisfaction In Everything.

The troops now assembled, officers and men, number 17,410, of whom 11,000 are in the maneuver division, those to be deducted consisting of the provision brigade at San Diego, the separate brigade at Galveston and the cavalry troops previously assigned to guard the border. According to the reports of General William H. Carter from the headquarters of the maneuver division at San Antonio, "the whole movement has produced nothing but satisfaction and a military situation."



A number of places in Sonora have been raided by the Indians. The Yaquis' knowledge of the mountain country of Sonora and their experience in fighting the federal troops make them among the most dangerous foes with whom the Diaz government has to deal.

"Exterminating" the Yaqui Indians has been a favorite pastime with the established government of Mexico ever since the time of Cortes, and, though thousands of these people have been shot and thousands more sent to die on the plantations and in the swamps of Tehuantepec and Yucatan, there are still enough able-bodied Yaquis left to cause considerable trouble.

Insurgency has been the vocation of every Yaqui, man, woman or child.



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since long before the present rebellion broke out in Mexico. Rebellion and warfare seem to be inborn traits of the Yaquis, carefully cultivated from one generation to the next. That it is right to shed the blood of a Mexican official or soldier is a Yaqui tradition, and it is one that has been carefully lived up to.

Yaquis Weren't All Dead.

In September, 1899, Don Rafael Ruiz, a rich landowner of Hermosillo, Sonora, near the Yaqui country, declared:

"Within two months there will not be alive in Mexico a Yaqui bearing arms. The Yaquis will be driven out of their mountains to the sea, where they must surrender or die."

Nine years later, in September, 1908, there were enough Yaquis alive and bearing arms to murder Don Rafael on the road between Hermosillo and Ures.

The trouble between the Yaquis and the government is primarily that the Yaquis want to be independent instead of living in the semi-serfdom of the Mexican peon. They live in the southern part of the state of Sonora. Sonora is a rich mining country, and it was inconvenient to have the Yaquis claiming the ground as their own merely because they had lived on it for a few hundred years.

Like the Sudanese natives of whom Kipling wrote, the Yaquis may have



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been "poor, benighted 'eathen," but they were and are certainly "first class fightin' men."

One of the most remarkable proofs of the Yaquis' endurance is their running ability. Travelers who have lived in Sonora say that it is not an uncommon thing for one of these Indians to run ten miles an hour for four hours. In the time of the Spanish rule these Indians often acted as couriers, and it is said that the Spanish governor of Mexico used to get fish from the coast as fresh as President Diaz is able to procure today by the somewhat lettered railroad system of Mexico.

Nature's Scene Shifting.

Although in the geological past vast changes of level occurred on the borders and even in the center of continents, it is a debated question whether at present similar elevations and subsidences can be detected. Recently the frequently repeated statement that the coasts of Massachusetts and New Jersey are perceptibly sinking has been disputed, the apparent subsidence being ascribed to simple changes of shore line. But some curious records kept in Europe seem to indicate that actual fluctuations of the level of the land may occasionally be observed. In the valley of the Main a church tower hidden behind a mountain screen has since 1861 gradually risen into plain view from the chateau of Strossendorf, and still farther in the same direction another church tower, which began to be visible from Strossendorf eighty years ago, is now clearly seen above the horizon and is said to rise higher as time goes on. Similar records exist in Bohemia, in Switzerland, in Spain and in the French Jura.

Ocean Derelicts.

There is an old dread of encountering a derelict that is just below the surface of the water. There is no such danger. A derelict that will sink below the surface will sink to the bottom. Take a tub of water and try to find any object that will unattached occupy a position that is other than at the surface or at the bottom. There is a long task ahead of you. There is the false theory that the water grows denser as one goes deeper and that a sinking object will find a place where it will remain suspended. This theory is not correct, and a boat that will sink beneath the surface will sink to the bottom, even if that bottom should be twenty miles down. The derelict that is bumped into has a piece of itself sticking out of the water as an alarm if the eyes of the lookout are only sharp enough to catch it.—New York Tribune.

Knew the Boundary Line.

The friends of a couple in Cleveland, in whose household no doubt exists as to who is the head of the family, tell an interesting story relative to the last trifling passage at arms between husband and wife. One evening just before dinner the wife, who had been playing bridge all the afternoon, came in to find her husband and a strange man (afterward ascertained to be a lawyer) engaged in some mysterious business over the library table, upon which were spread several sheets of paper.

"What are you doing with all that paper, Henry?" demanded the wife.

"I am making a wish," meekly responded the husband.

"A wish?"

"Yes, my dear. In your presence I shall not presume to call it a will."—Lippincott's.

Not a Hindrance.

It was a revival meeting, and the church workers were working up and down the aisles. A gray haired woman past middle age approached a sedate looking gentleman who occupied a rear seat on the end of the row. Placing her hand on his shoulder with maternal touch, she said:

"Don't you think you would like to be a Christian?"

"My dear madam," he began, "don't you know that I am professor of theology in the little seminary at the other end of the town?"

The woman, a homely character, and ignorant of the "isms" and "ologies" of the modern curriculum, gave answer in smooth accents:

"Well, my dear brother, don't allow a little thing like that to stand in your way."—Philadelphia Times.

Garrick and Kitty Clive.

Kitty Clive, the paramount soubrette of Garrick's time, was celebrated for her temper and her spiteful tongue. She denied "little Davy" had skill in tragedy and mocked at him when he prepared to put on "Hamlet." During the performance she stood in the wings, intending to scoff, but she was carried away with enthusiasm in spite of herself and applauded vigorously.

"Well, Kitty," asked Garrick as he came off the stage, "have I convinced you that I can act in tragedy?"

Kitty burst into tears of vexation, declaring, "Why, — you, Davy, you could act a gridiron!"

Fine Scheme.

Wife—Please match this piece of silk for me before you come home. Husband—At the counter where the sweet little blond works, the one with the soulful eyes and— Wife—No. You're too tired to shop for me when your day's work is done, dear. On second thought I won't bother you.—Detroit News.

Losing Her Interest.

"Mrs. Billerock is getting old—I know it."

"What now?"

"She says that the stores don't have as good bargains now as formerly."—Buffalo Express.

The Hatter's Comment.

"How gracefully young Skivett raises his hat!"

"I wish he could raise the price of the hat half as gracefully."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Fullness of Her Love.

Pettibone—One cannot live on love alone. Funnibone—I can live on my love. Pettibone—Why, how is that? Funnibone—She has \$100,000.—Exchange.

Faces are made beautiful by kindness. It is a divine sculptor.

JUST PERSONAL MENTION.

Dr. D. F. Smith of Bartley was in town on business, yesterday.

W. A. Mitchell was up from Hastings, early days of the week.

Miss Vina Peterson of Palisade is a guest of Mrs. Harry Tramblic.

Miss Carrie Blum of Lincoln is a visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Lewis.

Mrs. J. D. Hare arrived home, last Friday on No. 1, from her absence of weeks in Chicago.

Mrs. F. L. Barnes and children of Culbertson are visiting her father C. H. Jacobs, this week.

Miss Hazel Merle of Omaha is the guest of Miss Leah Pennell, arriving in the city, end of last week.

Mrs. E. S. Waite is enjoying a visit from her sister Mrs. Wells, who arrived from Iowa, Saturday on No. 9.

K. D. Jacobs left on Monday night for Falls City, Nebraska, seeking a position with the Missouri Pacific.

C. R. Carlson of Axtell visited in the city on Monday, between trains on his way west leaving on No. 13, delayed.

Mrs. Charles Allen and his sister Miss Allen arrived in the city, yesterday on 13, on a visit to McCook relatives.

Mrs. Lavosier Barney was a passenger for Harvard on Friday morning on train 10, on a visit to her sister Mrs. G. H. Thomas.

Vaughn Clearman of the Citizens National Bank went down to Minden, Friday evening, to be with the home folks over Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Fisher went down on delayed 2, Saturday morning. She expects to visit at the old home in Sterling, Nebraska, while absent.

Miss Alice McKenna and Miss Marcella Ryan departed on train 10, Friday evening, on a trip east which will extend as far as Washington, D. C.

Miss Hazel Cochran of Bartley came up to the capital city, Saturday, and is spending a week in the city, guest of Miss Florence Rosebush.

Miss Georgia and Miss Josephine Parkhurst of Virginia, Illinois, are guests of their uncle L. W. McConnell, arriving in the city, end of week.

John Maisel arrived from Shelby, Nebraska, last Friday, to investigate some detective work, and will return to his work at Shelby, last of this week.

"Bub" Bailey came up from Wymore, close of last week, and devoted a little while here to making some improvements and repairs on their city properties here.

Mr. and Mrs. David Boucher, who have been guests of his sister Mrs. W. W. McMillen for several months, departed this morning, for their home in Johnstown, Penna.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Clapp arrived from the east, Sunday on No. 1. They have been in eastern markets for several weeks making purchases for the fall and winter trade.

Rev. Fr. Patton and P. Walsh of the McCook National Bank arrived home, last Saturday night, from their trip of a few weeks up in the Yellowstone Park, reporting a fine time and favorable weather for their outing.

Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert and son of Ida Grove, Iowa, arrived in the city Monday night, and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Rosebush over Sunday. They were enroute for the Pacific coast country on an outing.

Ed O'Rourke and Roy Green are out working on a Western Union Telegraph Co. line gang. They last reported home from Friend, this state, but expect to go up in the northwest on some new line construction.

Edith Waite, who has been entertaining Miss Louise Mote of Plainview and the Misses Echo Rateliff and Breta Diehl of Stratton, accompanied her guests on No. 13 to Stratton where they will conclude the house party as guests of Miss Diehl.

"Bob" Clary, who spent some time here seeking health, but who afterwards went on to Denver in the same quest, went through McCook, end of week, much discouraged, on his way back to New York. His chances for recovery from the dread tuberculosis seemed to be very scant.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Rowell are bearing the dignity of grand parents in a becoming manner. A telegram from Walkerville, Ontario, Canada, of last Thursday afternoon, announced the birth to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wright of a daughter, who bears the name of Gladys Lucile, and is growing lustily.

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THERE IS PLENTY OF WATER IN THE Big Horn Basin and Yellowstone Valley

All of the rivers and irrigation canals are now running bank full. The writer has just returned from an extended inspection trip through the Big Horn Basin and Yellowstone Valley, where he found that the farmers have all the water they can use for irrigation; crops are accordingly fine.

OPPORTUNITY FOR INVESTMENT

Money invested in Government Irrigated lands, Carey Act lands, or deeded lands in the Big Horn Basin, at present prices is sure to bring large returns for the reason that the farmers of this country are beginning to understand that the Basin and Yellowstone Valley have an ample water supply and that the water comes down from the mountains just at the time when it is needed for irrigation.

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